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# Chief Executive's Report

Pride crossing in Clondalkin

# About the Chief Executive's Report

South Dublin County Council's Chief Executive's Report is presented to elected members at Council every month and details important achievements across our various departments whilst highlighting key statistics and images from events that took place that month.

The report also highlights major news pieces and puts a focus on an area of the Council that doesn't always get the attention it deserves.

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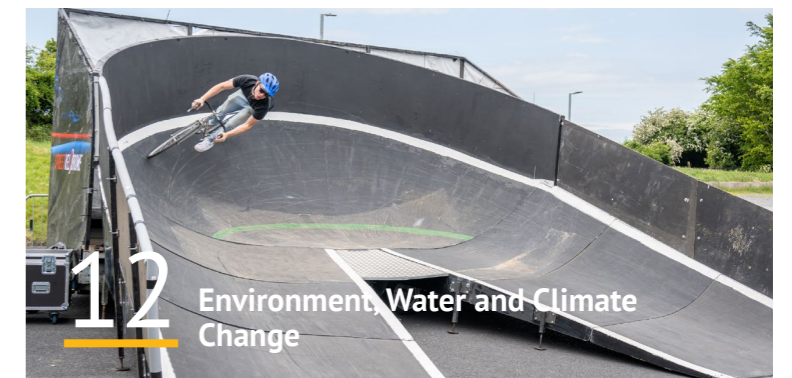
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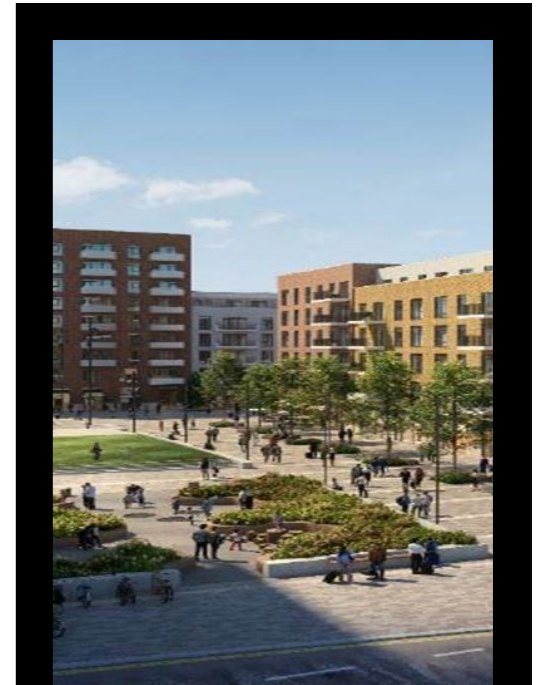


## N81 Resurfacing Scheme

Transport Infrastructure Ireland carry out a national programme of pavement renewal annually and this year the following sections of the N81 will undergo enhancements;

- Glenview roundabout to the M50 interchange
- Jobstown to the junction of Boherboy Road
- Lisheen Road to Wicklow county boundary

The total length of road being resurfaced is 2.5 kilometres. The design work is completed and tenders have been received. A contractor will shortly be appointed to carry out the works. The works are expected to take approximately three weeks and they will be carried out between July and August, exact dates are to be confirmed following the appointment of the contractor. The works will be carried out at night to minimise disruption to motorists. Some detours will be required on the stretch from Jobstown to Boherboy Road.



## Adamstown Boulevard

The Adamstown Boulevard, within the Adamstown Strategic Development Zone, is an important new spine road running through the centre of this neighbourhood, connecting the station in the south up to Shackleton in the north. The road is nearly complete and will be open to the public by the end of June 2022. The Boulevard will include new dedicated bus lanes, traffic lanes and more.

## Templeville Road Cycle Route

The Council is progressing plans to deliver a new active travel scheme along Templeville Road, which is Route no. 30 of the Cycle South Dublin programme.

The route will provide cycle connectivity from Limekiln Road to Templeogue College via Templeville Road and Greentree's Road. It is a 1.3km route that will deliver a better active travel link to local amenities, schools and parks for the community of Walkinstown, Perrystown and Templeogue. There are several primary and post-primary schools located close to this route with pupils walking and cycling along these daily. The Council

and the National Transport Authority want to improve this route for the safety of all users, particularly school pupils.

The project will be delivered under section 38 of the Road Traffic Act. The non-statutory public consultation process is complete and tenders are due to be returned by 15 June 2022. It is envisaged that the construction will commence in late June 2022 and is expected to last three months.

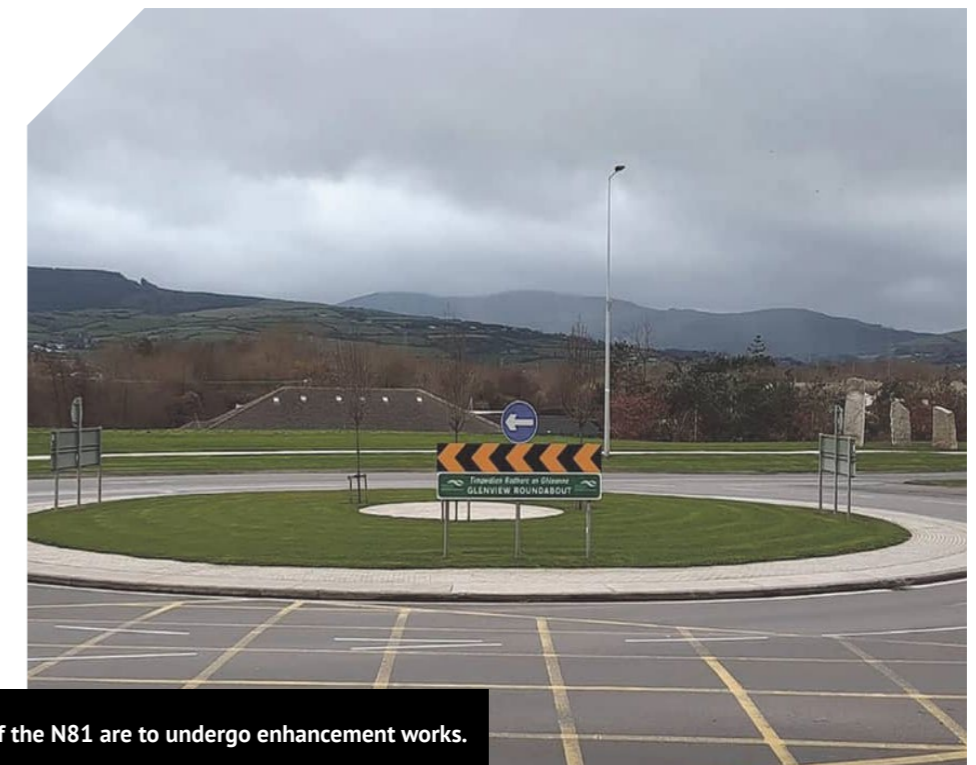


## Templeville Road Cycle Route

The Council is progressing the Templeville Road Cycle Route plans.

## Residential Zoned Tax

A new Residential Zoned Land Tax (RZTL) was introduced in the Finance Act 2021 and by 2024 will replace the Vacant Site Levy. This new tax will apply to all lands zoned for residential purposes, or for mixed-use, where residential is a permitted use. Criteria will apply as part of land identification, including that the land is serviceable and does not have any significant constraints. The Act has set out a detailed process for the identification of lands for taxation. The Council will carry out the mapping and public consultation processes with the first draft maps to be published in November 2022.



Sections of the N81 are to undergo enhancement works.

# Housing, Social and Community Development



## Rented Property Inspections

Under the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019, the Council has a statutory responsibility to enforce minimum standards in the more than 16,000 private rented properties in South Dublin County, including for Housing Assistance Payment (HAP), Rent Accommodation Scheme (RAS) and Approved Housing Body (AHB) properties.

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have set a challenging target to inspect 25% of all rental properties in the County during 2022. The Council has engaged the services of a property inspections contractor and HSE Environmental Health Officers to undertake these inspections, with over 1,000 carried out to date this year. EHOs also progress enforcement against landlords not compliant with housing standards regulations. Further details on landlord and tenant responsibilities and housing rental standards are available on the Council's website.



## Sports Inclusion Programme

Upcoming events for the Summer Sports Inclusion Programme, organised with our partners in local clubs, Leinster Rugby, Football Association of Ireland, Basketball Ireland, Hockey Ireland, Irish Athletics and Irish Wheelchair Association, include para athletics, learn to cycle, wheelchair basketball, football for all and lots more. Further details on this programme is available on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).

## Community Facilities Survey Carried Out

The Council's Community team carried out an online survey of 36 community centres across the County in recent weeks with the findings set to shape our support for future centre development and management.

The survey findings, which will be shared with all respondents, illustrate the challenges facing community centres in managing facilities, volunteers, strategic planning and governance. The Council will now work with local boards of management of community centres to develop a sustainable management support network, improve strategic and annual planning and to build cooperative working relationships to maximise the potential of all

facilities.

A new funding stream will be made available to community centres later this year to address key local issues and to ensure the best use of facilities and local community resources for local user needs.



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## Energy Retrofitting

The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage have confirmed a €5.1 million funding allocation to the Council for the 2022 Energy Efficiency Retrofit Programme. This will see 146 homes in South Dublin County undergo works including window/door replacement, wall/roof insulation and heat pump installation at an average cost of €33k to improve the Building Energy Rating (BER) of the home to a minimum of B2 or the "cost-optimal" equivalent. These works ordinarily result in up to a 50% decrease in home energy usage. Surveys and assessments of the initial homes in the 2022 programme are ongoing.



The Energy Retrofitting Programme

# Economic, Enterprise and Tourism Development



## Takeda Expansion

The Japanese drug firm Takeda, one of the first client companies in South Dublin County's Grange Castle Business Park has been operating there since 2002. The company recently hosted an event to officially open Ireland's first stem cell manufacturing facility at Grange Castle. This expansion of production facilities comprises a €36.4 million investment and increases the number of jobs already provided by an additional 100.

At the opening event, Takeda's global manufacturing and supply officer said the new state-of-the-art plant underlined the importance of Ireland to the global Takeda manufacturing network.

South Dublin County Council wishes Takeda every success with this new facility and applauds the continued investment and increase in jobs delivered.



## Ruaille Buaille

Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children's Music Festival returned with an exciting programme of music events over 11 days, from 1 - 11 June. Events included in-person and online workshops, live performance, music on film, and Ruaille Buaille in Griffeen Park. Since 2008, Ruaille Buaille has provided an environment where children of all ages can experience music making in a fun and informal way.

## INTREO Construction Fair at Tallaght Stadium

INTREO held a Construction Fair in Tallaght Stadium on 19 May. The Construction Jobs, Apprenticeship and Training Expo is the first of many events to help deliver on the Government's Housing for All target. The aim of this event was to attract school leavers, job-seekers, graduates, and employed people who may wish to start careers or to change jobs.

The Department of Social Protection matched clients from their database and invited them to meet employers at the event. This event was a great opportunity to promote employment and training opportunities for both employers and jobseekers in the South Dublin County Council catchment areas.

INTREO had an apprenticeship area with live demonstrations and the promotion of other relevant training in the green/construction sector. It is estimated that the construction sector needs to recruit an additional 27,500 new workers over the next five years.

The event highlighted the range of opportunities available in the construction sector and INTREO counted 1,980 attendees at the event over the day, including the Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, and the Minister for Social Protection, Heather Humphreys T.D.



### INTREO Construction Fair

The INTREO Construction Fair was held in Tallaght Stadium in May.

## Library Outreach

Since the launch of the South Dublin Libraries' membership drive, 'Here for you in 2022 and beyond', almost 1,000 new members have joined. Staff have brought the pop-up library out to various locations including City West Job Fair, Tallaght Stadium Construction Job Fair and numerous community and commercial locations. By the end of June over 35 outreach events specifically designed to reach new members will have taken place. To celebrate Pride in June, there are a series of collectable badges targeted at teenagers and available when they join the library. Each week a new badge will become available.



Library outreach events are underway.

# Corporate Performance and Change Management



## Celebrating Pride

Each June, South Dublin County Council flies the Pride flag over County Hall, Tallaght and the Civic Offices in Clondalkin. We do this to show our support, and respect, to LGBTQ+ members of our staff, county, and wider society.

South Dublin County Council has demonstrated a strong and ongoing commitment to LGBTQ+ equality and the LGBTQ+ community through a variety of actions. In addition to flying the Pride flag:

- The Transgender Pride flag is flown for International Transgender Day of Visibility.
- Council policies, plans and staff forms are equality proofed on an ongoing basis.
- The South Dublin County Council LGBTQ+ Staff Network was founded in October 2017 and anyone who identifies on the LGBTQ+ spectrum who is directly employed by the Council, or who is a retired or former employee, is welcome to join. Membership is free of charge.



## Annual General Meeting

The Council's Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Friday 24 June. The Annual General Meeting is an important date in the Council's schedule as we elect a new Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Chairs of each Area Committee. Tributes will also be paid to the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The AGM will also be webcast live for the first time in the Council's history.

## Freedom of the County

The Honorary Freedom of South Dublin County is to be conferred on South Dublin Community Volunteers on 17 June in recognition of the outstanding work of their volunteers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Elected members of South Dublin County Council agreed to honour the group on 19 May with the Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, announcing the news at an event in the Round Tower, Clondalkin to honour individuals and community groups throughout South Dublin County.

The event in the Round Tower was organised by Mayor Kavanagh and South Dublin County Council to pay tribute to the spirit of volunteering

in South Dublin County by recognising individuals or groups who have worked within their community during the pandemic.

The Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, said at the event that, "I am very proud that my colleagues in South Dublin County Council have agreed unanimously to confer the freedom of the county on our community volunteers. Their service to the nation during the COVID-19 pandemic should be honoured, as should their response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. When Ireland called, the South Dublin Community Volunteers answered, without hesitation, and I can think of no more fitting reward than the Freedom of South Dublin County."



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## €300k Have Your Say

The submissions phase of this year's €300k Have Your Say initiative closed on 6 May with 249 projects submitted by members of the public. Those have been shortlisted and costed by senior management and the participatory budgeting steering group to be brought to the June Council meeting for approval before the public vote opens.

Once the voting stage has opened, the public will have two weeks to vote on their favourite projects with the results announced at an event at the end of the month.



The public vote will open in June for 300k Have Your Say.

# Environment, Water Climate Change



## Stop Food Waste

South Dublin County Council was delighted to support National Food Waste Recycling Week which ran from 30 May until 6 June 2022. This new national campaign from MyWaste.ie encouraged people to recycle their food waste.

A previous study by the Environmental Protection Agency found that approximately 50% of household organic waste is being disposed of in the wrong bins. By segregating food waste correctly, it can be transformed into renewable energy and bio-fertilisers for horticulture and agricultural use.

Throughout the week, South Dublin County Council gave away 300 kitchen caddy kits to the residents of the County to help them segregate their food waste.



## Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant

South Dublin County Council is again delivering the Anti-Litter Anti-Graffiti Grant to help groups, schools and individuals raise awareness and promote issues of litter and graffiti in the County. If you have a project or initiative that could help to increase public awareness of litter and graffiti issues locally please fill out our application form on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie) from Monday 20 June.

## Woodland Playground at Rathfarnham Castle Park opens in June

The Council is currently upgrading the play facilities in Rathfarnham Castle Park with an additional €50k being invested into the natural woodland playground.

Natural playgrounds provide greater opportunities for kids to engage in active play, explore the environment, and improve their physical fitness. They also stimulate children's imagination and creativity, help develop motor skills, improve their social skills, and provide an opportunity for nature study.

The upgrade will allow children to make up their own games and play

themes while promoting active recreation opportunities. The new playground equipment is in keeping with the green surroundings of the woodland with natural materials being used. The new equipment consists of a 30 metre zip line that weaves between the trees, balancing beam bridge over the stream, natural climbing frame, tree top seats and associated landscape works. The existing playground equipment will be revamped to provide additional play value.

It is expected the playground will be fully completed by the start of June.



### Woodland Playground

A new woodland playground in Rathfarnham Castle Park will open soon.

## Sporting Facilities

Did you know there are over 167 playing pitches in South Dublin County for various sporting clubs such as rugby, Gaelic football, camogie, hurling, soccer, cricket, rounders, softball and athletics? These pitches serve approximately 60 sporting clubs, with over 1,000 teams using the pitches weekly. Playing pitches are allocated on an annual basis and this is done through our new online pitch allocation system at [www.sdcc.ie.bookapitch](http://www.sdcc.ie.bookapitch). Pitch usage data collected from the system is then used to inform the Council's pitch maintenance schedule and capital investment programme.



There are over 167 playing pitches in the County

# Outdoor Markets for Summer



## Outdoor markets have been set for this summer in Corkagh Park and Tymon Park

South Dublin County Council is delighted to announce that both Corkagh and Tymon Parks will be hosting outdoor markets this summer, 2022. The offerings available include; street food, crafts, artisan produce and live entertainment, providing all the ingredients for a fun filled family day out.

After a popular trial run last autumn, Urban Picnic is returning to Corkagh

Park in Clondalkin from Saturday 4 June, and will take place every Saturday from 11am to 5pm. Urban Picnic will be located near the playground in the park, visible from the car park at St. John's Entrance.

Tymon Park Food and Craft Market is a welcome addition for 2022. This market will operate every Saturday from 11am to 4pm and will be held for the first time on Saturday 11 June. Tymon

## Summer in South Dublin County

The outdoor markets is just one of a series of sizzling events happening in South Dublin County this summer as Live Performance continues across the County in June. Supported by South Dublin Arts Office and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport, and Media through the Live Local Performance Scheme.

The Summer Music Trail continues their live lunchtime folk concerts on Friday 17 at Tallaght Library. The ethereal sounds of Celtic Passage Music will regale patients and frontline workers at Tallaght Hospital Chapel on Friday 17 at 1pm and again at 3pm. More events can be found on [www.sdcc.ie](http://www.sdcc.ie).

Park Food and Craft Market will be located in Tymon Park, Castletymon Road, Tallaght, next to the playground.

Both markets will promote local enterprise and develop a sense of community by utilising where possible local producers and crafts people, including Local Enterprise Office South Dublin (LEO) start-up clients.

The live entertainment at both Corkagh and Tymon Park markets is being supported through the Local Live Performance Scheme (LLPS), South Dublin Arts Office and Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media initiative.

Outdoor markets support the promotion of the local community, enhance the attraction of our parks as

valuable amenities and improve the tourism offering in the County, which is why South Dublin County Council and Dublin's Outdoors are excited to welcome you to our markets this summer!

The Mayor of South Dublin County, Cllr Peter Kavanagh, said "This is great news for the parks at Corkagh and Tymon, and for the communities of Clondalkin, Tallaght and the surrounding areas. It is fantastic for the up and coming local food producers to have an opportunity to showcase their products and not to mention our local live performers entertaining the crowds once again. I encourage the local communities to come along to support and experience all these markets have to offer."



Outdoor markets are set for Corkagh and Tymon Parks.



# Sod Turning at Tallaght Stadium



**Construction work is commencing on the new fourth stand at Tallaght Stadium.**

**A** sod-turning took place on Tuesday 7 June for the construction of a new fourth stand at Tallaght Stadium.

As well as the new North Stand, the development includes major refurbishment work to the main stand corporate areas, which will result in an improved offering which will have much-enhanced facilities for media and sporting fixtures as well

as revamped conference and meeting room facilities. In addition, there will be improved fully accessible seating areas in the South Stand, as well as a changing places facility.

The investment to Tallaght Stadium is approximately €11.5 million with the works maintaining the stadium's UEFA Category 4 status which will potentially allow the hosting of all European games including group

## Transforming Tallaght

South Dublin County Council is making a substantial investment in the Tallaght area, with major support from the Urban Regeneration Development Fund (URDF).

The delivery of the North Stand at Tallaght Stadium and opportunities it provides as an events venue will also compliment current investment of over €80m in infrastructure projects underway in Tallaght, such as the delivery of a new Heritage Centre, the Tallaght Innovation Centre, which is now under construction, the Tallaght District Heating Scheme, as well as a major public realm enhancement programme for Tallaght Town Centre.

games for the Champions League or Europa League.

Tallaght Stadium hosts the FAI Women's national football team, the men's under 21 football team and Shamrock Rovers. The Council also intends to use the stadium as an events venue, and will be looking to host concerts and other large scale events in the coming years.

The development of the new North Stand, which will hold over 2,000 spectators, will allow for an increase in the spectator capacity to over 10,000, up from the current capacity of 8,000.

The new North Stand has been architecturally designed to the highest possible standard with the undercroft

of the stand containing new offices, part of which Shamrock Rovers will occupy.

It is anticipated that the works will be completed by the end of July 2023.



Turning the sod on the new stand

# Griffeen Valley Park Wetland



## The first sod was turned on the integrated constructed wetland in Griffeen Valley Park.

The first sod has been turned by the Mayor of South Dublin County, Councillor Peter Kavanagh, Daniel McLoughlin, Chief Executive of South Dublin County Council, and An Cathaoirleach, Councillor Lettie McCarthy (Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council), on the integrated constructed wetland in Griffeen Valley Park.

This integrated constructed wetland

is a major action of the Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE project which is a collaborative project between South Dublin County Council, Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, and the European Union LIFE Programme, and four other wetlands are planned for, across Kilnamanagh, Dodder Valley Park and Tymon Park, in the coming year.

Rivers are an integral component of our urban areas and enhanced water

## Dublin Urban Rivers Life

The Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE project seeks to improve water quality in County Dublin and promote water quality improvement in urban areas in Ireland and Europe by making it quicker and cheaper to carry out domestic misconnection inspections using a GIS-based approach.

This project will also build integrated constructed wetlands at five strategic locations in South Dublin County. These natural water retention measures will improve the quality of receiving river water, provide flood alleviation, bioretention of particulates and nutrients, improve habitat conditions and biodiversity, and promote the relationship between green infrastructure and public wellbeing.

quality brought about by the construction of these wetlands will positively impact the natural amenity values of the Council's parks and rivers. The wetland at Griffeen Valley Park will be home to a large variety of native reed, rush and flowering plant species, be a habitat for aquatic insects and amphibious creatures, and will attract pollinators and small birds.

The construction of these wetlands is a cornerstone of the Dublin Urban Rivers LIFE project and supports its door-to-door assessments work in this catchment. It is worth noting wetlands will not only fulfil the objectives of the LIFE project but also the objectives of the River Basin Management Plan 2022–2027, Water Framework Directive, Climate Change Action Plan, Floods Directive, and

draft Biodiversity Plan.

The introduction of these wetlands to the Council's public parks is a modern approach to water quality improvement effectively using Nature to help Nature.



Griffeen Valley Park sod turning



Parklet in Templeogue Village



Celebrating the completion of works

As part of a County-wide villages initiative, South Dublin County Council has completed upgrade works to Templeogue Village.

The improvement of Templeogue Village has been a goal of the Council for several years with a village enhancement scheme approved as a Part VIII in 2018.

The Council's planning team and local councillors have worked closely together to inform the detailed design with the Templeogue Tidy Towns group, traders and residents during a lengthy construction period to deliver a significant enhancement to the village that would give local people a sense of pride in their village.

The upgrade to the area will greatly improve the general aesthetic of the village, provide some additional amenity areas for the local community with better permeability and

improve the overall safety of road users, in particular, cyclists and pedestrians.

The completed scheme includes a new village car park of 38 spaces, an upgrade of the village's drainage network and the planting of new trees. Also included are a village parklet, improved cycling facilities, new public lighting, seating and a new mural will also be added that will add vibrancy and colour to the village. Infrastructure has also been provided that will allow the easy installation of electric vehicle charging points that are expected to be piloted in the near future. The village has been designed and built to be future proof and this should allow the scheme to develop and mature over time. The active tidy towns group have

# A Focus on Templeogue Village



Official opening



Templeogue Village works

have indicated an intention to undertake the upkeep of the planting and parklet which will ensure the investment in the village here is maintained into the future.

The scheme was delayed due to COVID-19 but eventually reached the site in May 2021. The appointed contractor, Bretland Construction, had delivered a number of similar projects previously and were very helpful in working with the local traders during delays.

South Dublin County Council has carried out several Village and District Enhancement Schemes in the last number of years, to make local areas more liveable, sustainable and attractive for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

The promotion of more sustainable modes of transport that link more consolidated urban areas together is central to the core strategy of the County Development Plan.

The village scheme was officially opened by Deputy Mayor Laura Donaghy on June 3 2022.

Speaking at the opening, Deputy Mayor Donaghy said, "I am delighted to be here today in Templeogue Village to see the fantastic work that has been carried out to make an already great village even better. I want to thank local residents and businesses for their input into this scheme and I am sure that the improvements to the village will benefit residents and visitors alike."

# Images of the Month



Opening of N81 Walking and Cycling Scheme

# Images of the Month



Emergence 2022 at Rua Red



Visit of the Ambassador of India



Environment Poster Competition

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Sports Fest

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Mayor's Initiative Awardees



Adamstown Mural



Africa Day

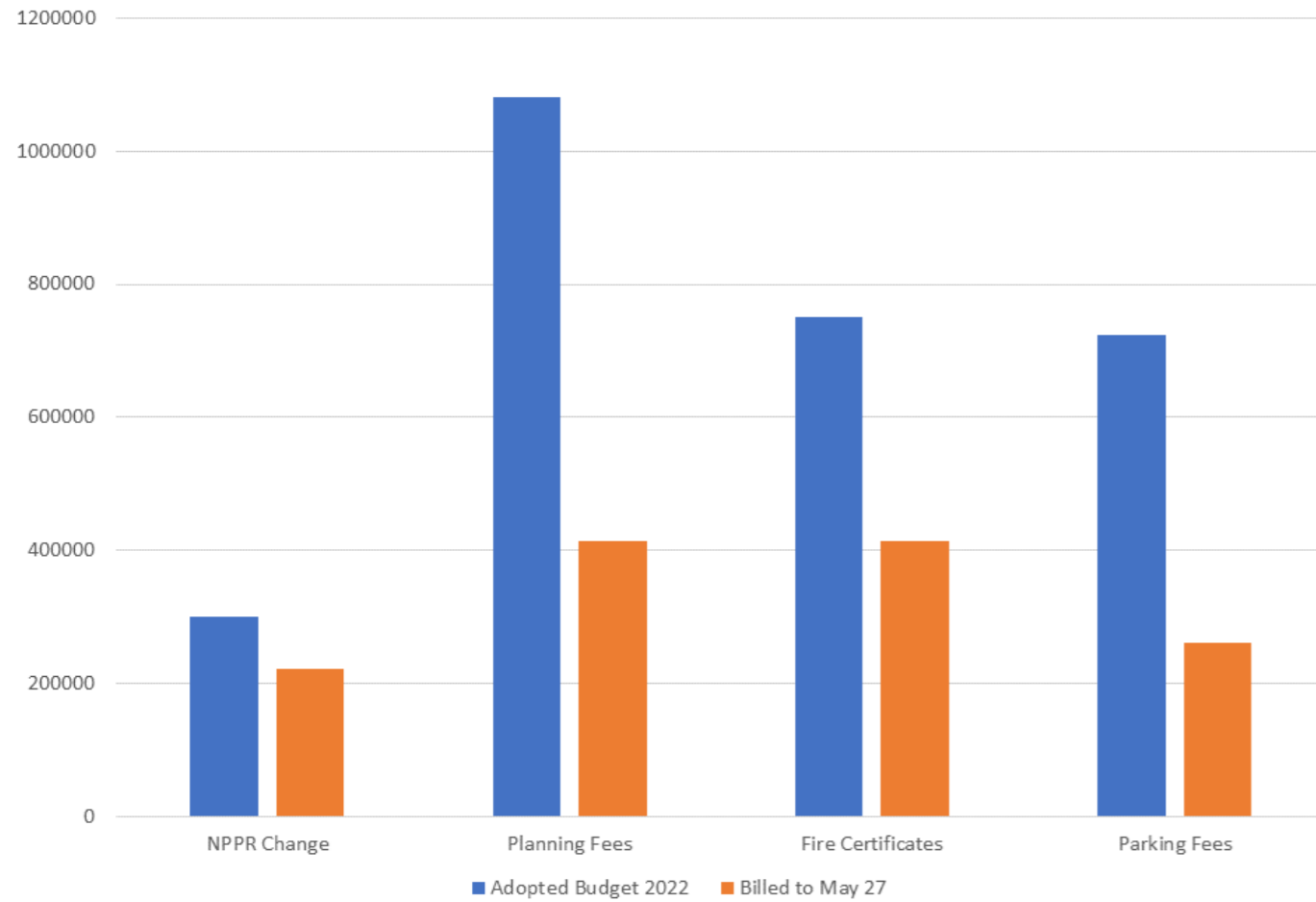
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